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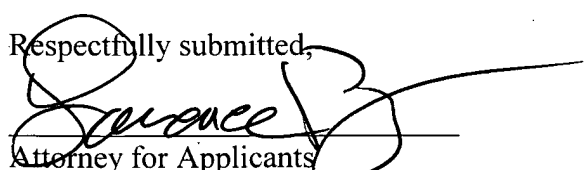
REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on May 24, 2001. Applicants' attorneys still have not yet received an official filing receipt for this application. Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests the Patent and Trademark Office promptly to issue an official filing receipt.

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